

<b>Country/entity</b>	Nepal
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Second Understanding concluded between the Seven Political Parties and the CPN (Maoist)
<b>Date</b>	19 Mar 2006
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict <b>Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006)</b>  Inspired by the Maoist insurgency in Peru in the early 1990s, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) – CPN(M) – declared war on the Nepalese government in February 1996. A key demand was the transformation of Nepal from a monarchy into a ‘People’s Republic’. Following a pronounced Maoist military strategy, the CPN(M) focused their insurgency on the rural areas. They gained significantly in strength and it took heavy international military support to stabilize the Nepalese government in 2002. After public protests escalated in Kathmandu in 2004, the Nepalese King Gyanendra took authoritarian control over the government. In the cities, a strong popular movement for democracy emerged, forcing the government into fast progressing peace negotiations in 2006 that concluded with the signing of a Comprehensive Peace Accord on 21 November 2006. Close Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006)
<b>Stage</b>	Renewal
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Nepal peace process
<b>Parties</b>	Sd. (Girija Prasad Koirala) President Nepali Congress Sd. (Lila Mani Pokhrel) Vice-Chairperson Janamorcha Nepal Sd. (Amrit Kumar Bohara) Acting General Secretary CPN (UML) Sd. (Narayan Man Bijukchhe) Chairperson Nepal Majdoor Kisaan Party Nepal Sd. (Nanda Kumar Prasai) Chairperosn Samyukta Bam Morcha Sd. (Sher Bahadur Deuba) President Nepali Congress (Democratic) Sd. (Rajendra Mahato) General Secretary Sadbhavana
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	Statement reaffirming parties' commitment to the 12 point understanding of 22/11/2005 and requesting local, national, and international support for the Constituent Assembly election process.

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<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">NP_060319_Second Understanding of SPA and CPN (Maoist).pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
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## Groups

**Children/youth** No specific mention.

**Disabled persons** No specific mention.

**Elderly/age** No specific mention.

**Migrant workers** No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/national group** No specific mention.

**Religious groups** No specific mention.

**Indigenous people** No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** No specific mention.

**Social class** Groups→Social class→Rhetorical  
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## Gender

**Women, girls and gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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## State definition

### Nature of state (general)

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**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

### **Political**

#### **institutions (new or reformed)**

Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references

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### **Elections**

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### **Electoral commission**

No specific mention.

### **Political parties reform**

No specific mention.

### **Civil society**

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<b>Traditional/ religious leaders</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Constitution</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

<b>Political power sharing</b>	<p>Power sharing→Political power sharing→General State level</p> <p>Page 1, Para 2: Here, we would like to recall that 'the agitating Seven Political Parties are fully committed to the fact that the existing conflict in the country can be resolved and that the sovereignty and the state powers can be vested completely in people only by establishing full democracy by restoring the parliament through the force of agitation and forming an powerful all-party Government by its decision, negotiating with the Maoists, and on the basis of agreement, holding the election of Constituent Assembly. The CPN (Maoist) is of the view that the aforementioned goal can be achieved by holding a national political conference of the agitating democratic forces and by forming Interim Government through conference decisions and holding the election to the Constituent Assembly, and the CPN (M) expresses its commitment. On the issue of this procedural agenda, an understanding has been made to continue dialogue and seek a common agreement between the agitating Seven Political Parties and the CPN (Maoist). It has been agreed that the force of People's Movement is the only alternative to achieve this goal.</p>
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	No specific mention.

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**Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL general**    No specific mention.

**Bill of rights/similar**    No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation**    No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights**    No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights**    No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** Page 1, para 1: It is well known to all that the historic 12-Point Understanding for democracy, peace, prosperity, progress and national independence has been reached between the Seven Political Parties, fighting for the end of absolute monarchy and establishment of full democracy, and the CPN (Maoist) on November 22, 2005...

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**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

## **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** No specific mention.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian  
rights or access** No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

**Security  
Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** No specific mention.

**Intelligence  
services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel  
and opposition  
group forces** No specific mention.

**Withdrawal of  
foreign forces** No specific mention.

**Corruption** No specific mention.

**Crime/organised  
crime** No specific mention.

**Drugs** No specific mention.

**Terrorism** No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism** No specific mention.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

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